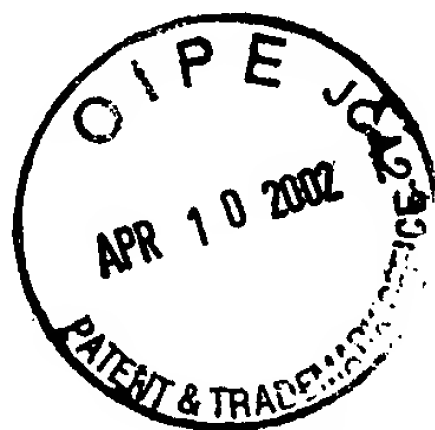


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the final action mailed October 1, 2001, Applicants are filing herewith a request for continued examination (RCE). Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 18 and 19.

All the pending claims are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience. Please amend claims 1-3, 5, 20 and 21 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A substantially pure nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence which encodes an amino acid sequence that is at least 80% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:6, and which encodes a polypeptide having one or more Helios biological activity selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) the ability to form a dimer with a Helios, Aiolos or Ikaros polypeptide;
- (b) the ability to bind DNA; and
- (c) the ability to stimulate transcription from an Ikaros binding site.

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